

CARE Newsletter

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PASRR is REQUIRED

Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) is the Federal assessment that must be completed on or prior to admission at a Nursing Facility. Kansas law states “prior to admission.”

PASRR is required on every NF admission regardless of payer source. Only NF PASRR/CARE trained staff complete sections A and B at admission if the resident admits without it. Out-of-state residents need to admit with a PASRR or have one completed. The only exception to PASRR is if the individual has a terminal illness or coma as certified by the physician.

When an emergency or provisional stay starts at a NF, the PASRR must be completed by the trained NF PASRR Assessor (Director of Nursing, RN, Social Worker or individual with a 4-year degree in a health related field) approved by the Area Agency on Aging.

The Doctor’s certification regarding the admission - emergency, provisional, or terminal illness - will need to be sent to the Area Agency on Aging for data entry notation.

Call KDOA CARE Division 785-291-3359 if you have questions regarding PASRR.

Requesting a CARE assessment

KDOA has been working with AAAs and NFs to develop a web-based referral process for CARE assessments. By developing this referral process we hope to eliminate errors and miscommunication that can lead to Medicaid payment issues for NFs.

The goal is to have the form self-populate as much information as possible with drop down and check mark boxes to save time. This web-based referral process would also serve as a tracking tool for the NFs to ensure the CARE referral was sent.

The referral has a place to indicate if there is a legal guardian or Responsible Party/ DPOA and the name, phone number and address for contacts.

The same form will be used to indicate if the person is terminally ill and the NF needs a letter from KDOA.

Identifying information will auto-populate into the intake form if there is already information in the electronic (KAMIS) system.

Significant changes

CMS has required the NF staff report designated significant changes from the MDS to KDOA. The significant change language related to MDS 3.0 is located at the KDOA Provider website: http://www.aging.state.ks.us/CARE/Alerts/Resident_Review_Memo_MDS3-0.pdf

KDOA training regarding PASRR/CARE

Call your local Area Agency on Aging to register and receive free CEUs.

Chanute - March 3	Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging 1 West Ash, Chanute	620-431-2980
Wichita - March 10	Central Plains Area Agency on Aging 2622, West Central, Wichita	316-660-5232
Hays - April 5	Kansas Highway Patrol Office 1821 Frontier Road, Hays	785-625-2037
Dodge City - April 6	Southwest Area Agency on Aging 236 San Jose Drive, Dodge City	620-225-8230
Manhattan - April 21	North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging 401 Houston, Manhattan	785-776-9294
Topeka - April 26	Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging 2010 SW Topeka Blvd., Topeka	785-235-1368
Olathe - May 2	Johnson County Area Agency on Aging 11811 S. Sunset, Ste. 1300, Olathe	913-715-7757 or 573-8535

We will use the same agenda starting at 8:30 a.m.. Please bring the **existing** manuals from your agency/facility to save state funds.

Current full CARE assessment assessors can attend part of the morning if they have Level II questions, or the afternoon for ADL/IADL coding clarification and other issues.

NF staff can attend the morning and bring **existing** materials. Only NF staff with a four-year degree in a health-related field, or a RN can complete the PASRR section of the CARE assessment. However, other NF staff can attend 2 hours in the morning to learn the requirement for the CARE/PASRR. Every NF must have at least one trained assessor and should have a back-up person trained.

Money is Following the Person

Money Follows the Person is a federally funded grant that Kansas was awarded in 2008 through 2016. This program was developed to help transition residents who have expressed an interest in returning to the community from nursing facilities. Qualifications for the program are they meet Medicaid eligibility, have 3 months continuous stay in the NF non-Medicare stay days, functional eligibility and have an interest in moving back into the community.

This program also allows for additional monies to be provided to the resident for transitions in setting up the household and housing needs. If you have questions on the program, please contact Deb Schwarz at KDOA, 785-296-3591.

Community Transition Opportunities (CTO)

CTO is providing information on community services to NF residents who are interested in transitioning back into the community. Kansas created a web-based referral system to connect the residents to local contact agencies that will provide the resident with information. This referral system was created to be directly correlated with the federal requirements in the MDS 3.0, section Q questions. Any NF interested in learning more should call Amanda Nickerson, 785-296-6446.

What would you do?

Question: If a nursing facility is requesting a CARE assessment on someone who is diagnosed with a terminal illness or in a coma?

Answer: A CARE assessment should not be done. Send the Doctor's certification within the week of admission to the Area Agency on Aging. The KDOA staff will be notified and send out a letter for the chart.

Question: Why should a NF ask for admission orders, or transfer sheet from a hospital?

Answer: To be clear what the condition of the admission is and to verify whether it is a less than 30-day reasonable plan or to see if a CARE Certificate needs to be faxed prior to admission.

Question: Why is a CARE assessment done prior to admission at a NF?

Answer: It is tied to federal and state law on everyone unless the resident is admitted with a less than 30 day stay plan or is terminally ill.

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